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Dear Mr. Reuss:

I refer to your letter of 17 February 1956 regarding the location and plans for the new Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building.

After a thorough review of possible alternative sites, the Central Intelligence Agency proposed that its new headquarters building be constructed on a tract at Langley, Virginia, now owned by the U. S. Government. This proposal, in accordance with statutory procedures, has been reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission, and at a recent meeting the Commission supported the selection of the Langley site by a vote of seven to five. After receiving the final report of the Planning Commission, which is expected shortly, we will be in a position to proceed with detailed plans and specifications for the construction of the building and ancillary facilities.

In view of the fact that this matter has been under consideration by the National Capital Planning Commission, we have been unable to authorize our principal architects to draw up the type of plans and specifications which must be available in support of our appropriations request for the new building. I am, therefore, unable to comply with your request for copies of sketches and plans.

I can state, however, that it is our intention to draw these plans in a manner consistent with the character of the area in which our building is to be located. In the event that we reach a final decision to locate at Langley, which appears probable, we will be occupying roughly 140 acres of a 750 acre Government-owned tract


of land. We are confident that the portion of this property occupied by the Central Intelligence Agency can be developed so that a wide belt of forest land will be left around the periphery in a manner which will serve to protect the park-like character of the area, and at the same time aid in providing desired security.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated, and we will undertake to keep you informed as our plans are developed more definitely.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director


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